

# ANN E. LAWTON

Artist. Art Therapist. Art Educator.

## EDUCATION

### MASTERS OF SCIENCE

Art Therapy  
Mount Mary University (MMU)  
Milwaukee, WI – May 2011

### BACHELORS OF SCIENCE

Broad Area Art Major,  
Psychology Minor  
UW—River Falls (UWRF)  
River Falls, WI – May 2008

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Registered Art Therapist: ATR #14-281

American Art Therapy Association  
Wisconsin Art Therapy Association  
Minnesota Art Therapy Association

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## PRESENT POSITIONS

### LECTURER OF ART | FROM AUG 2011 – PRESENT

University of Wisconsin – River Falls  
Art Department, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Honors Program  
2018 Outstanding Teaching Award for Excellence UWRF CAS

### ART THERAPIST | FROM JULY 2019 - PRESENT

Brittany's Place, St. Paul, MN

### ART THERAPIST | FROM AUG 2013 - PRESENT

Student Health and Counseling Services, UWRF

### ARTIST | FROM MAY 2008 - PRESENT

Emphasis in mixed media and sketchbook practices

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 **Author** | Inclusion and Critical Pedagogy, NCECA Journal, Vol. 40  
**Author** | Review of the book *The Art Therapist's Guide to Social Media*, by Gretchen M. Miller. *Art Therapy: The Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*
- 2018 **Participant** | River Falls Art Crawl, River Falls, WI  
**Participant** | Ekphrastic 3, SooVac Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition** | *Artist Identity*, Elle Studios, Milwaukee, WI  
**Juror and Reviewer** | Visual Arts Classic, UW-Madison, Madison, WI  
**Guest Artist and Presenter** | Gallery 96, Shoreview, MN  
**Guest Artist and Presenter** | Westfields Hospital, New Richmond, WI  
**Juror** | Wisconsin Regional Art Exhibit and Workshop, River Falls, WI  
**Workshop Facilitator** | Ellsworth WI High School Teacher In-Service  
**Juror** | Gallery 96 *Motion-Emotion* Exhibition, Shoreview, MN
- 2017 **Group Exhibition** | Hudson Hospital, Hudson, WI  
**Participant** | River Falls Art Crawl, River Falls, WI  
**Group Exhibition** | Bernice Ficek-Swenson Retrospective, UWRF  
**Participant** | Ekphrastic 2.0, SooVac Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
**Solo Exhibition** | *Untranslatable*, Westfield Hospital, New Richmond, WI  
**Artist Residency** | BreckCreate, Breckenridge, CO  
**Commission** | River Falls Utility Box Beautification Project, River Falls, WI  
**Juried Exhibition** | 2nd Place Winner, ArtsWest 38, Eau Claire, WI
- 2016 **Duo Exhibition** | with Brittany Polzin, Breakaway Arts, Hastings, MN  
**Group Exhibition** | UWRF Art Dept. Faculty Show, The Phipps, Hudson, WI  
**Juried Exhibition** | Nt'l Parks: Personal Perspective, The Phipps, Hudson, WI  
**Juror** | 44th Annual Mid-Winter Art Show, New London, WI
- 2015 **Guest Artist and Presenter** | Wolf River Art League, New London, WI  
**Guest Artist and Presenter** | Gallery 224, Port Washington, WI  
**Juror** | Art on the Kinni Art Fair, River Falls, WI
- 2013- **Board Member** | Pottery for Prevention Fundraiser, Hudson, WI
- 2011 **Group Exhibition** | UWRF Art Dept. Faculty Show, The Phipps, Hudson, WI  
**Facilitator** | *Will You Make Art with Us?* Millennium Park, Chicago, IL  
**Featured Artist** | *The Original Show*, Flow Art Space, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition** | *Witness Identities Unfolding*, MMU, Milwaukee, WI  
**Featured Artist** | The Art Bar, Milwaukee, WI

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## ART THERAPY SPECIALTIES

Individual and Group Therapy  
with Children, Adolescence,  
and Young Adults

Depression, Anxiety, and  
Mood Disorders

Cognitive, Emotional, and  
Developmental Disorders

Trauma, Grief, Crisis,  
and Life Transitions

Gender Identity and Sexuality

## ART THERAPY APPROACHES

Adlerian, Person-Centered,  
Cognitive Behavioral

Art as Therapy and Art  
Psychotherapy

## COURSES TAUGHT (UWRF)

Introduction to Visual Art

2D Design Foundations

Drawing I and II

Studio Drawing

Introduction to Art Therapy

First Year Adventure: The Power of

Doodling, Drawing and Design

Honors Senior Seminar

Special Topics: Artistic Observation

Special Topics: Visual Journaling

Independent Study

## MEDIA SPECIALTIES

Drawing, Watercolor, Collage and  
Mixed Media, Sketchbook Practices

## ART THERAPY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **Camp Reunite for Children of Incarcerated Mothers**  
Campbellsport, WI | Art Therapist
- 2018 **Crisis Response Team / Mental Health Responder**  
Barron, WI | Art Therapist
- Crisis Response Team / Mental Health Responder**  
River Falls, WI | Art Therapist
- 2015-2018 **Canvas Health, Clubhouse Recovery**  
Stillwater, MN | Art Therapist
- 2014 **BRIDGE for Youth with Disabilities**  
River Falls, WI | Art Therapist
- 2013-2015 **Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence**  
River Falls, WI | Art Therapist and Victims Advocate
- 2013-2015 **St. Croix County Jail**  
Hudson, WI | Art Therapist
- 2011 **Milwaukee Art Museum and Southeastern WI Epilepsy Foundation**  
Milwaukee, WI | Graduate Art Therapy Intern
- 2011 **Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center and Lombardi Cancer Care Clinic**  
Milwaukee, WI | Graduate Art Therapy Intern
- 2010 **MMC Cross-Cultural Internship**  
Arequipa, Peru | Art Therapy Intern
- 2010 **Bel Air Care Center**  
Milwaukee, WI | Art Therapy Intern

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011-Present **University of Wisconsin-River Falls | Lecturer of Art**  
Art Department, College of Arts and Sciences, Honors Program
- Academic Service**  
2019-2022: Elected Member of the Academic Staff Council  
2015-Present: CAS First Year Adventure Teaching Fellow  
2015-Present: Women and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee  
2014-Present: Faculty Advisor for the Art Therapy Club  
2011-Present: BFA Thesis Review Committee
- 2013-2019 **Fox Den Books, River Falls, WI | Art Educator**  
Designed and facilitated focused art sessions for children, teens and adults
- 2016-2017 **Ellsworth Public Library, Ellsworth, WI | Art Educator**  
Designed and facilitated art experiences for middle school students
- 2011-2012 **Free Arts Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN | Art Educator**  
Facilitated art group for at-risk children and teenagers

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**  
Presenter | “Art Therapist and Accidental Adjunct: Inclusive and Critical Pedagogies in Undergraduate Art Therapy Education”
- Claytopia—National Counsel of Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Minneapolis, MN**  
Panelist | “YES. SHE. CAN.” Chipstone Panel, Ann E. Lawton, Angelica Pozo, Adrienne Spinozzi, Rebecca Sive
- Claytopica—NCECA, Minneapolis, MN**  
Breakout Session Presenter | “The Truths We Share”
- Critical Pedagogy in the Arts Therapies Conference, The Metropolitan Museum of Art**  
Panelist | Lineage & Legacy Emergent Panel
- 2018 **Sketchkon, Pasadena, CA**  
Presenter | “Respect the Mess”
- 2017 **University of Wisconsin System Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning, La Crosse, WI**  
Panelist | “Accommodating Learning, Maintaining Academic Integrity and Balancing an Active Professional Practice.” Panel session, Ann E. Lawton, Lyz Wendland, Rhonda Willers
- 2016 **Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**  
Panelist | “Integrative Care that Treats the Whole Person.” Keynote panel
- Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**  
Presenter | “Creative Escape: Group Art Therapy with Women Inmates in a County Jail Setting”
- TEDxUWRiverFalls, River Falls, WI**  
Presenter | “Art as Empowerment: The Virtue of Art Therapy”
- 2014 **Bridges: Building Bridges for the Future for Professionals and Caregivers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Illinois State University--Bloomington-Normal, IL**  
Presenter | “Art and the Fountain of Youth: The Self and Soul Care of Art Making”
- 2013 **International Congress of Persons in Medicine and Healthcare: Science and Art and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Croatian Congress on Prevention and Rehabilitation in Psychiatry, Croatian Society for Protection and Improvement of Mental Health, Dubrovnik, Croatia**  
Presenter | “The Essence of Reflective Creation: The Importance of Personal Art Making and Professional Self-Care in the Mental Health Field.”
- 2012 **Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture, Chicago, IL**  
Presenter | “Art Therapy: An Open Dialogue”
- 2011 **Aurora System Nurse Symposium, Milwaukee, WI**  
Presenter | “Art Therapy in the Medical Setting”